

SALIENT REASONS WHY TAFT SHOULD BE NOMINATED

Judge Collins on the Issues of
the Campaign.

TAFT "HONEST AND EFFICIENT"

Delegate at Large Advances Convincing Arguments—Taft Not an Opportunist—The People Are Supreme Recall Mischievous Doctrine—Taft Has Filled Office With Dignity—President Should Not Coerce Legislative Measures.

Judge Gilbert Collins of Jersey City, who is running as a Taft delegate at large, in answer to the question "Why are you supporting Taft?" sends the following reply, which is of great importance and moment to every voter in New Jersey.

Judge Collins says:

"Jersey City, N. J.
"To the Taft League of New Jersey:
"You address me as one placed in nomination as a Taft delegate to the Chicago convention and ask me to briefly state my reasons for favoring the president's renomination. Recognizing the propriety of this request, I reply:

"First—I defer to the widespread feeling that two terms and no more should be accorded to every president who has proved himself honest and efficient. Disregard of this tradition in refusing a renomination to President Arthur, because of the popularity of a rival, led to a result disastrous to the Republicans. As a party man I wish to avoid a similar result.

"Second—Mr. Taft has, in my judgment, proved himself both honest and efficient. He has been loyal to party pledges and has done his best to redeem them. His attitude toward the tariff—namely, that a downward revision, almost universally demanded, should be effected after expert study and report, is the true one. The question is really economic and not political. Hasty and partial legislation will only hamper and delay thorough and complete revision.

"Mr. Taft holds ideas as to the functions of a president which some may think old fashioned, but which I share. I think a president should not be a propagandist or a partisan and that his constitutional duty is to suggest, not to coerce, legislative measures. Mr. Taft has filled his great office with dignity and a sense of responsibility to the whole people. He is regarded abroad as a most worthy representative of successful popular government, and even his enemies at home cannot and do not withhold their respect for his character. His judicial temperament and experience make him slow and cautious, but are nevertheless most valuable to the country. His faults are those of his temperament and weigh little in the balance as compared with his good qualities. Indeed, they but accentuate them. He will not believe evil of those whom he has trusted, and he will require evidence before he condemns. This is the front of his offending in the minds of some of his opponents.

"Third—Mr. Taft is not a mere opportunist, but acts according to well defined and well considered principles. I believe in those principles as declared in his great speeches, notably that in Toledo. His appointments to the supreme court have been superexcellent. I wish to feel assured that those, if any, which may need to be made in the next four years shall be of like character.

"Fourth—Mr. Taft's competitors for the nomination advocate doctrines that do not command my adhesion, and as control of the delegates in convention implies control of the policy of the party I feel that in favoring Mr. Taft I am opposing those doctrines. In a nation like ours, composed of separate states with varying and divergent interests, I believe in a representative government and regard all attempts to secure direct popular rule as unwise and impracticable. I regard the judicial department of the government as a sheet anchor. It must not be weakened. Court decisions can never properly be reviewable at the polls. The people, of course, are supreme and can remove a constitutional restriction after that due deliberation prescribed by the fathers or by revolution, but they have no capacity, either natural or organic, to reverse an interpretation of the fundamental law declared by trained judges of their own selection, indirect though that selection may be. Convincing argument may result, as it often has resulted, in judicial reversal by the courts themselves. Discussion and just criticism are legitimate. As Lincoln said, 'Nothing is ever settled till it is settled right,' but the people's reversal must be through orderly amendment. It is idle to say that the doctrine of recall of judicial decisions is proposed only for the states and in a limited class of cases. It is a mischievous doctrine that if once given entrance into the body politic cannot be controlled. 'Stop the beginnings and do it effectively.'

"For these reasons I shall support Mr. Taft if chosen to be a delegate to the next Republican convention. Very respectfully,

"GILBERT COLLINS"

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Whereas, it is in the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a Bitulithic pavement be constructed in Washington street, between Franklin street and Thomas street, in the said Town of Bloomfield;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a Bitulithic pavement constructed in Washington street, between Franklin street and Thomas street, in the said Town of Bloomfield.

Beginning in Washington street at the westerly curb line of Franklin street, thence running along Washington street in a westerly direction two thousand (2000) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Thomas street and ending there.

The above described pavement to be the entire width of the roadway, or from curb to curb, and to be laid on a 6-inch concrete base.

Notice is hereby given that objections in writing to the above resolution or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, June 3, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

By order of the Town Council.
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Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a concrete sidewalk and combination curb and gutter constructed in Delaware avenue between Grace street and Ella street, in the said Town of Bloomfield.

Beginning in Delaware avenue at the westerly curb line of Ella street, thence running along Delaware avenue in a southeasterly direction three hundred and seventy (370) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Grace street and ending there.

The above described concrete sidewalk to be constructed on the southerly side of Delaware avenue, and the combination curb and gutter to be constructed on both sides of Delaware avenue.

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Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a combination concrete curb and gutter constructed on both sides of Grace street, between Watessing avenue and Delaware avenue, in the said Town of Bloomfield.

Beginning in Grace street at the northerly curb line of Watessing avenue, thence running along Grace street in a northeasterly direction seven hundred and fifty (750) feet, more or less, to the northerly curb line of Delaware avenue and ending there.

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Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have an asphaltic concrete, tar bound or asphalt bound macadam, or a hot mixed bituminous or a Bitulithic pavement constructed in Orange street, between Dodd street and Cross street, in the said Town of Bloomfield.

Beginning in Orange street at the northerly curb line of Cross street, thence running along Orange street in a southeasterly direction six hundred (600) feet, more or less, to the southerly curb line of Dodd street and ending there.



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The treasury department has recently received the commendation of the Democratic appropriation committee of the house of representatives for the results achieved in bringing about economy and efficiency in that department. The general basis of this unusual praise is the fact that it is costing two and a half million dollars a year less to run this big business machine of the government than it did three years ago when President Taft began his administration and initiated his campaign for governmental economy by placing an experienced business man—Secretary MacVeagh—at the head of the treasury department.

The amount now saved each year is a 10 per cent reduction in the previous cost. It tells but half the story of the actual economy effected, for there has been a 10 per cent increase in the business of the department during this time, making a total gain in the interest of the taxpayer of 20 per cent.

The eagerness that now exists to make political capital out of criticism makes the fact eminently striking that through this period of investigation and inquiry the treasury department has been found a fruitless field of operation. It has not even been mentioned in connection with the alleged "money trust," for the reason that the treasury department is now, for the first time, wholly independent of the big bankers of the country in its operations. That the department should always be above the slightest ground for moral criticism is, of course, one of the fundamentals of its administration.

Frauds Are Punished.

The vigor with which the administration has gone after those who have attempted frauds on the customs revenue is illustrated by the fact that more than \$5,000,000 has been collected in fines against dishonest importers and attempted smugglers. Jail sentences in numerous instances have been added to the fines. The result has been the creation of a wholesome respect for the law on the part of importers and Americans who travel in foreign lands. The entire machinery for the collection of customs has been overhauled, with the result that valuations are made more accurately and many more channels for fraud have been stopped. One of the special aids in this connection has been the special agents' service, which the secretary has taken personally in hand.

The other collection agency, the internal revenue service, has been brought to a high degree of efficiency. Its collections last year were the highest in its history—\$322,000,000—which was collected at the expense of one cent and sixty-eight hundredths of a cent for each dollar, a substantial decrease in cost. Internal revenue collectors are now giving the major portion of their time to their official duties, an innovation brought about for the first time through the insistence of the president that efficiency of administration was more to be desired than the development of political machines.

Where Savings Resulted.

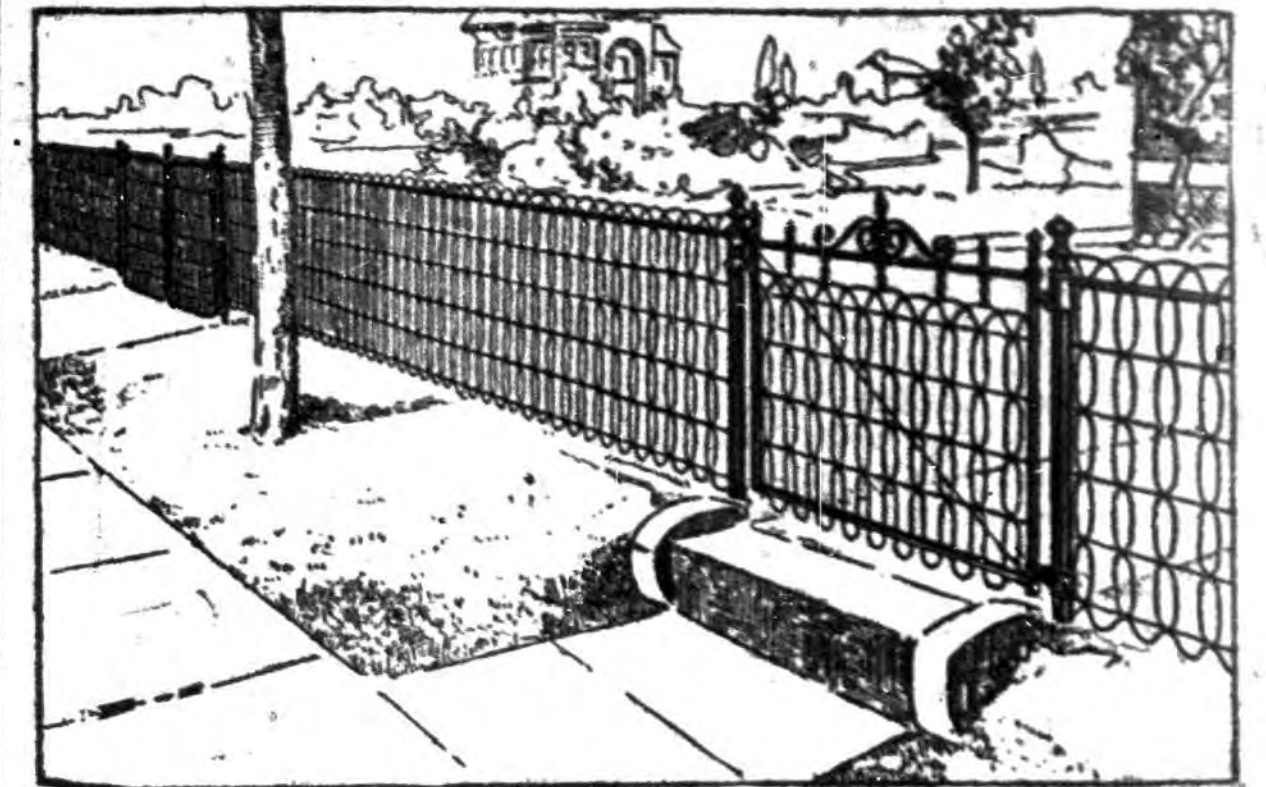
Savings in the method of printing the paper money of the country have been made to the extent of \$600,000 annually, while similar work in the mints has resulted in cutting down the expenses annually to the extent of \$488,000. By using the mails instead of the express a saving of \$60,000 a year is effected in sending worn-out notes to the treasury for redemption. Nearly \$50,000 a year is being saved through improved methods in handling the paper on which money and postage and internal revenue stamps is printed. A similar amount is being saved through closer scrutiny and economy in printing the stationery for the department. The revenue cutter service adds to the list a saving of \$100,000 a year with increased activities, so also does the public health service.

And this story is the strongest kind of a denial of the charge that President Taft has used the government employee at any time to further his own political advantage. There have been 1,801 unnecessary places abolished under the treasury department in the last three years. Five hundred and forty-two of these have been in the department service in Washington. None of those in Washington whose places were abolished has been separated from the service by that fact. Secretary MacVeagh has rigidly adhered to the policy of saving the vacancies which occurred in the department by resignation and death, and these places have been filled by those who would otherwise have been dropped.

The facts above set forth are convincing proof that under the administration of President Taft genuine reforms in administration have been accomplished in bringing the government business to the most practical and economical basis in the interest of the whole people.

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